

September 17, 1963

The Hon. Charles S. Gubser  
United States Representative  
Gilroy, California

Dear Mr. Gubser:

I do not feel this is the right approach, and I have not replied to the enclosed appeal. However, I do feel that the issue of the proper role of the House Un-American Activities Committee deserves your thoughtful attention. It seems that some such committee is bound to be a permanent institution in our political system. Rather than leave its powers, good and bad, at the disposal of the lowest level of spite and opportunism, I suggest the House display a sense of deep statesmanship and, independently of the existing HUAC, hold a series of hearings on what the proper scope and functions of such a committee should be.

Sincerely yours,

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